

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 937
By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Josefina Q. Marcelo
upon being named Outstanding Practitioner of
the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of this body should pause to pay tribute to those exceptional Tennesseans who have achieved great success in their various areas of expertise; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Josefina Q. Marcelo of Hawkins County is one such outstanding person, who, in conjunction with her husband, Dr. Bernardino D. Marcelo, was named as the Outstanding Practitioner of the Year by the Tennessee Primary Care Association. This amazing couple will celebrate fifty years of practicing medicine together on March 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Philippines, Dr. Josefina Marcelo is a graduate of the University of Santo Tomas and received her Doctorate of Medicine from the College of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Santo Tomas in 1956; and

WHEREAS, after completing a rotating internship with Tucson Medical Center and Pima County Hospital in Tucson, Arizona, in 1958, Dr. Josefina Marcelo served general practice residencies with Sharon General Hospital in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and Robinson Memorial Portage County Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, marrying her beloved husband, Dr. Bernardino D. Marcelo in 1959, this exemplary physician served as the House Physician at Weirton General Hospital in Weirton, West Virginia, from 1961 until 1964, when she accepted the same position with St. John's Hospital in Steubenville, Ohio, for a few months; and

WHEREAS, returning to West Virginia in 1965 to join a group practice at the Fairmont Clinic in Fairmont, Dr. Marcelo opened a private practice with her husband, first in Berkeley Springs and then Moundsville, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, relocating to Tennessee in 1987, Dr. Marcelo first joined the Linden Medical Clinic in Linden, Tennessee, for two years before finally coming to Hawkins County in 1989, at which point she joined the Rogersville community as a primary care provider with the Rogersville Medical Clinic; and

WHEREAS, appointed Chief of Medical Staff in 1993, Dr. Marcelo served on the staff of Hawkins County Memorial Hospital from 1989 until 1999, during which time she held the post of Medical Director of the Respiratory Department and the Physical Therapy Department; served as Chair of the Infection Control Committee, the Continuous Quality Improvement Committee, and the Professional Library Committee; and was a member of the Case Review Committee and the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary medical career, Dr. Marcelo has been a member of the medical staff of Morgan County War Memorial Hospital in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia; Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glendale, West Virginia; Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling, West Virginia; Perry Memorial Hospital in Linden, Tennessee; Lewis County General Hospital in Hohenwald, Tennessee; and Hawkins County Memorial Hospital in Rogersville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a proud and patriotic American, Dr. Josefina Q. Marcelo retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army Reserve. She also served in the United States Air Force Reserve as member of the 910th TAG based in Youngstown, Ohio, and the 908th Medical Squadron out of Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, during her outstanding military career, Lieutenant Colonel Marcelo, a veteran of Desert Storm, was cited in 1991 for exemplary service by Commander R. J. Jones, USAF, MC, and Colonel Thomas R. Mikolajcik, USAF, Commander of Rhein-Main Air Base, as an Outstanding Performer for Professional Leadership, Knowledge, and Devotion to Duty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Josefina Q. Marcelo was also honored for her military service by the Tennessee Medical Association on April 11, 1991, with a resolution of commendation for noble service and patriotism to our country during operation desert storm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcelo is an influential member of several professional organizations, including the Hawkins County Medical Society, the Tennessee Medical Association, the

American Medical Association, and the American Women's Medical Association, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Board of Quality Assurance Utilization Review Physicians, and the American College of Medical Quality; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary practitioner, Dr. Josefina Marcelo is certified by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates, the American Board of Family Practice, ACLS, and the American Board of Quality Assurance Utilization Review Physicians, and has received the Physician Recognition Award from the American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and Tennessee, Dr. Marcelo has served as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine of the James H. Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and greatly admired by her colleagues, Dr. Marcelo has served as Chairperson of the Infant Toddler Program; as a member of the Advisory Board and as the Physician Advisor for Superior Home Health Care of East Tennessee, Inc.; and as a board member of the American Heart Association in Rogersville, the Hawkins County Child Abuse Team, and the Quality Management Committee of the Rural Health Services Consortium; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Josefina Q. Marcelo, commonly referred to as "Dr. Josie," has won the loyalty, trust and admiration of her staff and patients; she treats each patient with the utmost levels of dignity and respect and diligently researches every possibility to find resources to assist her patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marcelo truly epitomizes the dedicated physician who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality health care for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Josefina Q. Marcelo on being named as an Outstanding Practitioner of the Year by the Tennessee Primary Care Association, commend her

exceptional service to the citizens of Tennessee, salute her medical expertise and personal excellence, and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.